



YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING

YOUNG FAMILIES

PJ Plus | Sundays, October 25 to December 13, 10:15 am

The Village: Parent & Baby Group | Mondays, 11:30 am

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

ECC Toddlers and ECC Preschool | Monday-Friday, 8:00 am

Holy Blossom Preschool is pleased to have signed the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Childcare Agreement (CWELCC) to provide our families with access to available funding.

ECC Information Night for Parents | September 23

ECC Grandparents Visit the Sukkah | September 25

ECC Chanukah Celebrations | December 4 and December 11

THE HONOURABLE IRWIN COTLER SCHOOL OF HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE

The Cotler School (Kindergarten–Grade 5) | Sundays, beginning September 27, 9:30 am–12:30 pm

The Cotler School (Grade 6–Grade 12) | Mondays, beginning September 27, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm

After School Program | Monday-Friday, 3:30 pm–5:30 pm

Brunch Club: Conversations in Parenting Series with Dr. Cindy Kozierok | October 18, November 15, 10:00 am

Grade 6/7 Shabbaton | November 6–7, (YMCA Cedar Glen)

Grade 8/9 Montreal Trip | November 6–8

Intergenerational L'dor Vador Program with PJ Library | November 8, 11:00 am

Family Mitzvah Day with Camp George | November 22, 12:30 pm

Open House Family Chanukah Celebration with the Bible Players | December 6, 10:00 am
Chanukah Celebrations at Holy Blossom Temple are generously sponsored by Judy and Sam Sapera

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HABSTY Lounge (grades 8–12) | Mondays, starting September 14, 8:00 pm

Teen Sukkah Event: Hockey in the Hut | September 29, 6:30 pm

NFTY Fall Kallah (teens) | October 16–18

YEAH (Grade 3–5 Youth Group) | Sundays, October 25, November 29, 12:30 pm

JYG (Junior Youth Group Grades 6&7) | Mondays, October 26, November 30, 5:00 pm

HBTRAVELS

We The North: Exploring Northern Israel with Rabbi Yael Splansky | October 5–13, 2026

Holy Blossom's Multigenerational Journey to Israel with Rabbi Samuel Kaye and Rabbi Taylor Baruchel | December 20–30, 2026

Congregational Tour of Jewish Argentina! with Rabbi Yael Splansky | March 28 – April 5, 2027



LIFELONG LEARNING: FALL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Fall at Holy Blossom opens a fresh season of learning and shared exploration. This guide offers a glimpse of the programs taking place in the coming months and brings forward the activity that continues to shape congregational life in steady, meaningful ways.

As we continue to develop our approach to Lifelong Learning, we welcome ideas for future offerings and areas of interest. Please reach out to Dr. Cindy Kozierok, Director of Lifelong Learning, at ckozierok@holyblossom.org.

And, finally, since program details may shift over time, please refer to the calendar at holyblossom.org for the most current information about dates and times. *This guide is current as of: August 27, 2026.*

SHABBAT & HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

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Little Blossoms | Fridays from September 11 to December 5

Sukkot Congregational Shabbat Dinner | September 25, after services
Generously sponsored by the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood

Family Sukkah Decorating | September 22, 4:30 pm

Family Shabbat! | September 19, October 10, November 14, December 12, 10:45 am

Wine & Cheese with Rabbi Rinat for Kabbalat Shabbat | October 2, 5:00 pm
Generously sponsored by ARZA Canada

Friday Night Lights: School-Aged KabShab Experience | October 16 & November 20, 5:30 pm
Generously sponsored by Carole and Jay Sterling and Family

Tot Shabbat | October 30, 5:30 pm
Generously sponsored by Ben Hertzman and Danna Goldlist and family.

Shabbaton of Welcome including Pyjama Havdallah | November 6–7
Generously sponsored by The Marilynne and Joe Cass New Member Welcome Initiative

Shabbat B'Yachad | November 6, 5:00 pm
Generously sponsored by Carole and Jay Sterling and Family

Intergenerational Chanukah Celebration | December 4, 4:30 pm
Generously sponsored by Judy and Sam Sapera

Shabbat B'Yachad | December 4, 5:00 pm
Generously sponsored by Carole and Jay Sterling and Family

Family Chanukah Celebration with the Bible Players | December 6, 10:00 am
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ADULT LEARNING

CLASSES

HBT 101: Everything You Wanted to Know About Holy Blossom Temple | November 4, 11 and 18, 7:00 pm
Team-taught by HBT Professionals and Lay Leaders

The Story of the Jewish People: An Ongoing Discussion with Mark Goodman | Wednesdays, 11:00 am (hybrid)

Responsa: Development of Jewish Law with Mark Goodman | Thursdays, 9:00 am (hybrid)

The Prophets: Pariahs or Plain-Speakers? (Lunch & Learn)| November 23, 30, December 7, 12:00 pm (hybrid)
with Rabbi Eliza McCarroll

Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Yael Splansky | Saturdays, 9:00 am (hybrid)
Generously supported by Barry and Susan Borden

What’s Jewish about George Frederic Handel? Torah Study, Shabbat pre-Chanukah 5787 | December 5, 9:00 am
with Michael Cole, Temple Warden

Introduction to Jewish Life (IJL) - a prerequisite for Conversion | Wednesday evenings online
Please note this is a partnership with our GTA Reform Jewish community. If you or a loved one is interested in conversion, please meet with one of our Rabbis for sponsorship.

Hebrew with Dalia Alalouf | Mondays, October 19 through November 16 (5 sessions), 12:00 pm

THE CENTRE FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

Goodbooks with Cynthia Good | Every second Tuesday, 10:30 am (online)

Film Talks: What I’m Watching and Why with Prof. Gillian Helfield | Monthly, Wednesdays, 2:00 pm (online)

Israeli Dancing with Paula Warren | October 10, 1:15 pm
Generously sponsored by Magda Weisz

Contemporary Jewish Fiction with Cynthia Good (4-part lecture series) | October 1, 8, 15, 22, 10:30 am

Torah Stitch by Stitch (September 11 – November 15), Exhibit Opening Reception | October 4, 10:00 am
Generously sponsored by Lili and Michael Shain

Tablet Tableaux Exhibit by Sheila Nemtin Levine | November - December, 2026
Generously sponsored by the Yosef Wosk Family Foundation in loving memory of Essie Arnold

Neuberger HEW 2026, Kristallnacht Commemoration: Into the Light | November 9, 7:00 pm
In partnership with The Toronto Holocaust Museum

Yom HaPlitim: Celebrating and Commemorating Middle Eastern Jewry | November 30, 7:00 pm
Sponsored in part through Dr. Naim and Renee Dallal’s Legacy Gift in support of Sephardic Studies

Concert to Commemorate the legacy of Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner | December 6, 4:00 pm



HBTOGETHER

L’Chaim 2.0: Jews, News and Schmooze | Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 5:00 pm
(online only) with Jack Kugelmass MSW

Bereavement Discussion Group | Weekly, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm (online only)
with Jack Kugelmass MSW

Draft & Grow: Workshop for Writers | Monthly, Mondays, beginning October 5, 7:00 pm

HBTogether Hybrid Book Club | Sundays, monthly, 11:00 am

YAD: NEXT GEN – YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Big Israel Questions | Mondays, October 19 to December 14, 6:30 pm
Fellowship with Rabbi Taylor Baruchel

Be a MAXE-abee: YAD goes axe throwing for Chanukah | December 10, 7:00 pm

“Big Israel Questions” and YAD Programming are generously sponsored by Cheryl & David Blinick and family

KEHILLAH KEDOSHAH, OUR CARING COMMUNITY

Dorot (*Wisdom Generation*) Programming | Tuesdays, October 20, November 10, December 8, 11:00 am
Generously sponsored by a gift from the Estate of Saundra and Henry Sherman.

HaTzipporim (Empty Nesters) L’chayim Launch 5787 | October 16, following services

HaTzipporim Game Night at the Guild House | November 19, 7:00 pm

Luke Sklar Mental Health Initiative Fall Program | November 23, 7:30 pm

Dorot Weekly Games in the Schwartz/Reisman Atrium | Tuesdays, 12:45 pm

TIKKUN OLAM, ADVOCACY, AND ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT

Out of the Cold | Thursdays, November 5 to March 25, 5:30 pm

The New Knesset: Diving into the 2026 Israeli Election | November 8, 12:00 pm (online)
Generously sponsored by Carole and Jay Sterling and Family

Zachor: The Resilient Brain | November 11, 7:00 pm (in person & online)
Generously sponsored by Carole and Jay Sterling and Family

Pressure Points in the Middle East: What the Iran War Means for Israel and North America
November 16, 7:00 pm (hybrid)
Generously sponsored by the Israel Policy Forum

Harry & Blanche Posen Memorial Lecture: Domestic Politics and National Security in Israel
November 24, 12:00 pm (online)
Special thanks to the Posen, Spiegel, and Cohen families for making this annual event possible.

A Conversation with RCMP Assistant Commissioner Baylin and Mark Sandler
November 25, 7:00 pm
Presented by The Holy Blossom Temple Advocacy Committee

Israel Engagement Programming is generously sponsored by Harriette Laing

WOMEN OF HOLY BLOSSOM

Women’s Advocacy Group: Women’s Experiences of Antisemitism in Canada
October 28, 7:00 pm

Holy Talent! | November 15, 10:00 am

BROTHERHOOD

Krav Maga (5 Sessions) | Wednesdays, September 30, October 7, 14, 21, November 4, 7:00 pm

Brotherhood Plays Pickle Ball | October 18, 9:00 am

Brotherhood Networking with Israeli Newcomers | November 18, 7:00 pm

